

Senate Bill 641

By: Senator Thompson of the 5th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning penal institutions, so as to require that persons convicted of certain sexual offenses shall not be permitted to use the Internet while on probation or parole unless such Internet usage is monitored by the supervising agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning penal institutions, is amended by adding a new Code Section 42-1-14 to read as follows:

"42-1-14.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is required to register under Code Section 42-1-12, while on parole or probation for the offense for which such person was required to register, to utilize any computer or other electronic device to access the Internet unless such computer or other electronic device is equipped with monitoring software or a device to monitor the Internet usage by such person. Such monitoring software or monitoring device shall provide for the capturing and reporting of each website such person accesses, all activities conducted upon such website, and the capture of any conversations conducted in any Internet chat room or similar site.

(b) The Board of Pardons and Parole shall be responsible for monitoring the Internet usage of persons on parole for an offense for which they are required to register under Code Section 42-1-12. The Department of Corrections shall be responsible for monitoring the Internet usage of persons on probation for an offense for which they are required to register under Code Section 42-1-12.

(c) The cost of the monitoring software or devices shall be paid by the person who is on parole or probation for an offense for which they are required to register under Code Section 42-1-12.

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period of not less than one nor more than five years or pay a fine in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, or both."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.